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Bravo!

'Les Miz' & renovated theater open to rave reviews



Hugh C. McBride

The cast of the Stuttgart Theatre Center's production of "Les Misérables" perform during the final dress rehearsal before the show's Oct. 13 premiere in the renovated Kelley Theatre. The local debut of "Les Miz" – currently the world's only non-professional production of the renowned play – marked the start of the theatre center's 26th year and the grand reopening of the theater, which underwent a renovation that resulted in a new entrance and lobby as well as the addition of the "Broadway Cafe." For more see page 3.

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Combined Federal Campaign - Overseas

Leaders encourage community members to 'Make a World of Difference'

By Gen. David McKiernan
U.S. Army Europe

The 2006 Combined Federal Campaign – Overseas began Oct. 2 and ends Dec. 1.

The CFC is the only campaign authorized to solicit donations from employees in the Federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations.

The campaign motto is Make a World of Difference.

Soldiers and DA civilians in the Army in Europe can make a difference by contributing to their favorite charities through the CFC.

More than 1,800 national and international charitable organizations are participating in the campaign.

Each year millions of dollars are raised during the campaign. Last year our donations exceeded \$3 million.

Some of these donations directly support our military communities in Europe. Through the CFC – Overseas, contributors may designate donations for their family support and youth programs.

One hundred percent of these funds are returned to the community of origin where they are used to support quality-of-life programs for Soldiers, DOD civilians, and their families.

Last year we received more than \$90,000 for our family support and youth programs.

Helping those in need here in the European theater,

The CFC is a valuable and reliable program through which we can express our desire to help. I charge leaders and supervisors across the Army in Europe to support this campaign in their organizations and communities.

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in the United States, and elsewhere around the world is an affirmation of the American spirit.

The CFC is a valuable and reliable program through which we can express our desire to help.

I charge leaders and supervisors across the Army in Europe to support this campaign in their organizations and communities.

The CFC goal is to give every Soldier and DA civilian employee an informed opportunity to participate.

I strongly encourage everyone to give generously to his or her charity of choice. Doing so will help Make a World of Difference for the Army in Europe.

McKiernan is commander of U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army. This and other "McKiernan Sends" messages can be accessed online on the USAREUR Web site (www.hqusareur.army.mil).

By Russell B. Hall

Installation Management Agency Europe Region

As Americans, a key part of our national identity is generosity toward others. Nowhere is this trait more evident than in the contributions being made every day by our Soldiers and civilians here at Installation Management Agency-Europe.

Each year we demonstrate our support to dozens of hard-working research, educational and charitable organizations through the Combined Federal Campaign. The CFC enables Soldiers and civilians to help these organizations make an enormous – possibly life-saving – difference in the lives of our fellow Americans and people around the globe.

Please take a close look at the array of organizations listed in your CFC booklet. It's hard to image a broader spectrum of groups and agencies working to better the lives of our families, our nation and our world.

One of the things I like most about CFC is its flexibility. We can make a single contribution to one organization or smaller amounts to several.

As members of the Army team, we've chosen to make a difference; to help those around us. And we back our beliefs through service, commitment and tangible actions. One of the "extra miles" we take to help those around us is annual CFC campaign.

Let's continue our tradition of generosity this year. Whether your contribution to the Combined Federal Campaign is large or small, I urge you to join me in supporting this worthy effort.

Thank you for your service and your generosity.

Hall is the IMA-EURO director.

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Renovated theater re-opens to rave reviews

World's only nonprofessional production of "Les Miz" draws sellout crowds to Kelley Barracks

By Hugh C. McBride

If beginnings are any indication, the Stuttgart Theatre Center's second quarter century looks to be a bright one.

Twenty-six years after the center's first production (*Jesus Christ Superstar*, which was staged in the now-closed 5th General Hospital in Bad Cannstatt), another renowned Broadway smash started the 2006-2007 season in style.

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens and his wife, Gaby, hosted a gala German-American reception Oct. 13 to celebrate not only the debut of *Les Miserables*, but also the official reopening of the renovated theater on Kelley Barracks.

"Theater is a universal language shared by cultures all of the world," Col Juergens said, "and the productions on Kelley are a critical part of our host-nation engagement strategy."

Juergens said the upgrades to the facility (which now features a new lobby and cafe) were done in part as recognition of the quality and dedication that is the theater's hallmark.

"Our community members invest an amazing amount of time and talent in these productions," he said. "This renovation project was one way for us to give back to them."

Among those who were on hand for the premiere of "Les Miz" Janet Ast, the theater center's original director. "This dream could not have come true without her inspiration, and our program could not have soared to the heights it has reached without her vision, her guidance and her mentorship," Juergens said.

Shortly after joining Juergens and DMWR Director Greg Holzinger in a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Ast marvelled at how far the program had come since its genesis in Bad Cannstatt.

"What a beautiful place this is," Ast said. "This is just wonderful."

For more about the Stuttgart Theatre Center visit www.kelleytheater.de.



USAG Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens presents a commemorative poster to Alan Buxkemper and Brett Harwood after the Oct. 13 premiere of "Les Miserables"



Janet Ast, the original director of the Stuttgart Theatre Center, enjoys a moment with "Javert" (Jörg Witsch).



A completely new lobby and bar area await theatergoers on Kelley Barracks.



[Main photo] Denise Woodmansee, who stars as Eponine, receives a bouquet after the show's Oct. 13 premiere in the renovated Kelley Theater.

[Inset] Fantine (Maryanne Kelley) finds herself surrounded in Paris

After the show, grab a cup o' Joe

Broadway Cafe offers enhanced experience for theatergoers

Can we get a cup of coffee?"

That, according to Brett Harwood, artistic director of the Stuttgart Theatre Center, is one of the most often-asked questions on performance nights.

And now – thanks to an extensive renovation project and the time, talent and dedication of a number of community members – the answer to that question is an enthusiastic "Yes!"

The Oct. 13 debut of *Les Miserables* on Kelley Barracks also marked the grand opening of the Broadway Cafe, a theatrically themed environment in which to enjoy great coffee, delicious

baked goods and enlightened conversation.

With a decor that evokes images of the Golden Age of Broadway, the cafe joins the theater's new lobby and bar area as environments designed to enhance the experience of enjoying the Stuttgart Theatre Center's award-winning productions.

In addition serving customers on show nights, starting Nov. 9 the cafe will be open Thursdays, Fridays and Sunday afternoons.

The space will also be available to rent for private parties.

To book the cafe e-mail terry.mitchell@us.army.mil



The Broadway Cafe, which offers a comfortable, theatrically themed environment in which to enjoy great coffee, delicious baked goods and (of course) enlightened conversation opened Oct. 13 on Kelley Barracks.



Pfennig Bazaar 2006

38th annual German-American event brings bargains to shoppers, benefits to area organizations

Story & photos by Brandon Beach

They came armed with euros and ready to shop.

The 38th edition of the Stuttgart German-American Women's Club's Pfennig Bazaar got underway Oct. 11 in the *Haus der Wirtschaft* with swarms of eager bargain hunters rummaging through racks of second-hand clothes, stacks of books and tables of trinkets.

Since 1968, the three-day bazaar has been a permanent fixture on Stuttgart's calendar of events, and more than just boasting great deals at the register, has come to define the lasting friendship between two nations.

"This event symbolizes in such a fantastic way the warm relationship between the German and American communities," said EUCOM Deputy Commander Gen. William E. Ward. Ward and his wife, Joyce, had flown back to Stuttgart from Washington, D.C., that morning in order to be at the bazaar's opening.

"Irrespective of what governments may decide and agree upon, it is truly the people that make the difference," Ward said.

That difference was evident months before the bazaar officially opened for business, as GAWC members took on the task of collecting and sorting the enormous volumes of "stuff" donated to the club for sale.

Proceeds from the event support a wide range of German and American organizations.

"To meet as friends and to be mutually engaged for our community have been the fundamental principals since our club's founding in 1947," said Joy Lyden, the GAWC American president.

During the opening ceremony, Gaby Juergens and Hildegard Göhrum, president of the USO, tied the ceremonial American and German ribbons of friendship.

Following welcome remarks from Ward,

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Gen. William E. Ward
U.S. European Command

who concluded in German, "*Oeffen ihre Taschen und gehen Sie Shopping,*" [*Open your pockets and start shopping.*] and the cutting of a cake by U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens and Trudle von Berg, one of the club's founding members, the doors opened promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Within minutes, many shoppers had already zeroed in on their second-hand treasures, as did Fridemann Weiser, who had two pairs of American blue jeans wrapped around his arm and absolutely no time to field a question. "*Keine Zeit. Ich suche jetzt eine Jacke.*" [*No time, I am looking for a jacket.*]

"Every year, we see huge crowds," said Jackie Nasca, who has volunteered at the bazaar for the last three years. "It's so much fun getting to know each other and helping both communities."

Funds from the 2006 Pfennig Bazaar will be distributed based upon grant applications received by the GAWC Welfare Committee.

The application process and period will be announced in The Citizen and the Stuttgart Community Post.

As Gen. William E. Ward, EUCOM deputy commander, looks on, USAG Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens and Trudle von Berg, a GAWC founding members, cut the cake at the Pfennig Bazaar's opening ceremony.



As soon as the doors are opened, the Pfennig Bazaar is filled with eager bargain-hunters.

Stuttgart Sailor honored with leadership award

By Chris Hamilton
DISA-Europe

Defense Information Systems Agency-Europe's ITCS Dionne Archibald was awarded the 2006 Capt. Joy Bright Hancock Leadership Award, Enlisted Category during a June 22 ceremony held at the Fort McNair Officer's Club in Washington D.C.

BJ Penn, assistant secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), presented the award on behalf of the Sea Services Leadership Association and the Military Officers Association of America.

Established in 1987, the Capt. Joy Bright Hancock award was created to recognize the visionary leadership of Capt. Hancock, whose ideals and dedication led to the integration of women into the regular Navy.

Two awards are presented annually, one each to an officer and one to an enlisted member on active or reserve duty who have shown exceptional leadership over time, persevered to overcome challenges while serving, and have contributed to the professional advancement and personal de-

velopment of women in the Navy and Marine Corps.

"I was amazed that I was selected to represent DISA," Archibald said. "To actually receive this prestigious honor over all the other Navy and Marine Corps senior enlisted submissions was astounding."

Archibald's career began in 1983 in Orlando, Fla. Over the years, the Navy has taken her to Kami Seya, Japan; New Orleans, La.; Norfolk, Va.; New York, N.Y.; and Stuttgart, Germany.

Her sea duty assignments include the USNS PECOS J, the USS BATAAN, and the USS WASP.

Archibald was selectively staffed by the Defense Information Systems Agency in January 2005 and is assigned as the Operations Division Senior Enlisted Advisor.

She takes her role as a senior leader very seriously; providing exceptional service not only to the 43 Joint military personnel assigned to Operations Division, but DISA-Europe as a whole.

Archibald also provides leadership outside the command. She laid the foundation



ITCS Dionne Archibald [middle] receives the Cpt. Joy Bright Hancock Leadership Award in a June 22 ceremony at Fort McNair.

for the first European Navy CPO Academy, organized Stuttgart's Khaki Ball, and is engaged in numerous additional events within U.S. European Command and the Stuttgart

military community

For more about DISA-Europe visit www.disa.mil.



U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart and the Department of Defense Dependents Schools Europe are working together to remedy fire safety concerns in Böblingen Elementary School on Panzer Kaserne

USAG Stuttgart, DoDDS work together to address concerns, ensure safety at Böblingen Elementary School

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart
Public Affairs Office Release

U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart and Department of Defense Dependents Schools Europe personnel are working together to address concerns related to fire safety at Böblingen Elementary School on Panzer Kaserne – and to ensure the safety of all students.

“I want to assure all parents, students and school personnel in our community that all of our schools are safe,” said USAG Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens. “The bottom line is that we don’t take chances with the safety of our students.”

To identify areas that needed to be improved, Juergens said he directed the USAG Stuttgart Fire Department to inspect the school. Shortly after the inspection report was completed and submitted, USAG-Stuttgart and DoDDS officials visited the school to meet with school administrators and concerned community members and to get a firsthand look at the effort to fix the problems.

“DoDDS-Europe takes all reports that pertain to the safety and well-being of our students extremely seriously,” said DoDDS-Europe Public Affairs Officer Dennis Bohannon. “We remain committed to the safety of our students and will do all we can to meet all safety requirements and ensure that the building is safe for all who enter it.”

The following measures have already been implemented

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in response to the inspection findings:

- First- and second-grade classes have been moved from the school’s fourth floor to the first and second levels.
- The school’s fire evacuation plan has been modified.
- A basement room that had been used by the PTA was closed, and supplies that were stored there have been moved.

Additional reviews have been requested to verify and remedy other findings in the initial inspection.

“Fire inspections are a team effort, and they accomplish exactly what they are designed to do, which is point out any weaknesses in our plans or facilities,” Bohannon said.

For more about schools in Stuttgart contact USAG Stuttgart School Liaison Officer Joyce Kennedy at 430-7465/ civ. 0711-680-7465 or e-mail joyce.kennedy@us.army.mil.

News & Notes

Got issues? Get AFAP!

Stuttgart’s Army Family Action Plan program is accepting issues to be presented during the 2007 AFAP conference in January. Community members are encouraged to submit quality-of-life issues via forms that are available in the Army Community Service office or on-line at www.stuttgart.army.mil/sites/acs/afap.asp.

Deadline for issue submission is Dec. 15. For more information call 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176.

Spouses to Teachers now in Europe

Spouses to Teachers, a Department of Defense program, offers resources and services to overseas military spouses. The program provides counseling on certification requirements, certification options and state employment resources. Up to \$600 is available to reimburse testing fees. For details visit www.SpousestoTeachers.com or email at stt@voled.doded.mil.

Photography contest extended

Deadline for submissions for the All Army Photography Contest-Local Level has been extended to Nov. 25. There is no fee to enter. Entry forms and guidelines are available at the RB Arts and Photo Studio and Patch Frame Shop.

For more information call 420- 6038/civ. 0711-819-6038.

Conduct meetings, trainings at DTF

Looking for a place to conduct meetings or trainings? The Joint Multinational Training Command, Digital Training Facility has several classrooms set up with 16 multimedia computer stations, each with Internet access and video teletraining capability to serve your needs.

To reserve a classroom call 431-2329/civ. 07031-15-2329. The facility is located in building 2931 on Panzer Kaserne.

Tax assistance positions available

The Stuttgart Law Center seeks help for the upcoming tax season. Potential applicants should have previous tax, accounting or bookkeeping experience to apply. The center also seeks applicants to fill positions in Garmisch. For more information call 421-4152/civ. 0711-729-4152.

Gospel music concert

The Panzer Kaserne Gospel Choir invites community members to its inaugural Community-Combined Chapel Services Gospel Music Concert Nov. 4, 11 a.m., in the Patch Barracks Theater. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., and entrance is free. Come out and enjoy praise dancing, teen hip hop Christian dance and the music from several guest recording artists from the United States.

For details email ala7767adkins1@yahoo.com.

Sports physicals

The Stuttgart Health Clinic will have sports physicals Nov. 8, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To make an appointment call 430-8610/civ. 0711-680-8610 or stop by the clinic.

Patrons can also pick up the forms to fill out before the physical exam date. Remember to bring your medical and shot records to the appointment.

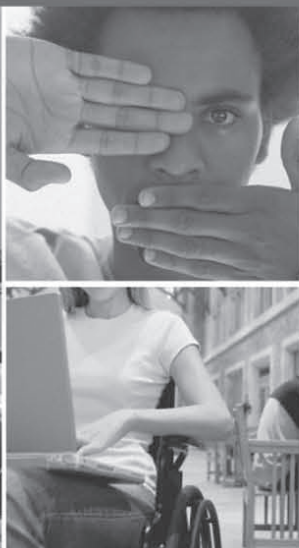
Holiday stress management class

Army Community Service will host a “Stress-less” holiday planning tips class Nov. 8, 10 to 11 a.m., in Patch Barracks’ Washington Center.

The course is free. Participants must be 18 years or older. For details call 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176.

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For more info contact EEO office at DSN 421-2649/ CIV 0711-729-2649/2288

— October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month — Annual effort promotes education, alternatives

By Hugh C. McBride

The statistics provided by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence can be staggering:
• In 2001 more than 18,000 incidents of spousal abuse were reported to the Department of Defense's Family Advocacy Program.

• Between 1995 and 2001, 217 cases of domestic violence homicides took place in the U.S. military community.

• Experts estimate that one in four American women will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes – and in 2001, 20 percent of all violent crime against women was perpetrated by an intimate partner.

Thought struggle against domestic violence is waged every day, awareness of this issue is heightened each October, when communities around the world observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

According to a local expert, one of the most important objectives of the awareness campaign – and one of the first steps toward ending the devastation of domestic abuse – is breaking the cycle of silence.

"Domestic violence is often regarded as something that should be handled at home behind closed doors," said Ellie Benavides, who serves as a victim advocate with Stuttgart's Army Community Service.

"We want to let people know that being a victim is not something that they should be ashamed of," Benavides said. "We can offer help, support and a place to go."

– Additional reporting by Alison Petersen

For more information about domestic violence in Stuttgart call Army Community Service at 430-7176/civ. 0711-680-7176 or e-mail ellie.benavides@us.army.mil

In Garmisch call ACS at 440-2777/civ. 08821-750-227 or e-mail patricia.howe@us.army.mil.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Education and awareness are key resources in the battle against domestic violence. In addition to the wealth of information available at Army Community Service, the following are excellent starting points for enhancing one's awareness of the many issues associated with domestic violence.

• Battered Women's Justice Project – www.bwjp.org

The Battered Women's Justice Project promotes systemic change within community organizations and governmental agencies engaged in the civil and criminal justice response to domestic violence.

The goal of the BWJP is to hold these institutions accountable for the goals of safety and security for battered women and their children.

• Domestic Violence Awareness Project – <http://dvam.vawnet.org>

The Domestic Violence Awareness Project is coordinated by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence in collaboration with the Project Advisory Group, a unique partnership of local, tribal, state and national domestic violence organizations and networks.

• Family Violence Prevention Fund – www.endabuse.org

The Family Violence Prevention Fund works to prevent violence within the home, and in the community, to help those whose lives are devastated by violence because everyone has the right to live free of violence.

The FVPF has worked to end violence against women and children around the world for more than 20 years. The organization played a key role in developing the landmark Violence Against Women Act.

• National Coalition Against Domestic Violence – www.ncadv.org

The mission of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence is to organize for collective power to end the violence in our lives. NCADV's work includes coalition building at the local, state, regional and national levels; support for the provision of community-based alternatives for battered women and their children; public education; and efforts to eradicate social conditions that contribute to violence against women and children.

• U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women – <http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/>

The mission of the Office on Violence Against Women is to provide federal leadership to reduce violence against women, and to administer justice for and strengthen services to all victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

HEALTH CARE CORNER

U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart

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Stuttgart Dental Clinic

Hours of Operation

Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Active-Duty Sick Call

Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

All Others Sick Call

Mon. to Fri.: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Appointments

430-8626/civ. 0711-680-8626

Garmisch Dental Clinic

Hours of Operation

Mon., Wed & Fri: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Tue: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. / Thurs: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Military Sick Call

Mon. to Fri.: 7:30 to 8 a.m.

Appointments

440-3414/civ. 08821-750-3414

Note

Dental services are extremely limited for patients other than active-duty service members and their families.

In case of an after-hours emergency call the MP desk to access the on-call patient liaison:
Stuttgart 430-5262/civ. 0711-680-5262 / Garmisch 440-3827/civ. 08821-750-3827

Kids soar with SKIES Unlimited

CYS program fosters exploration, discovery

Story & photos by Brandon Beach

Fifteen-year old Jessica Heidt took a deep breath. How bad could it really hurt, right? With a hair-raising “hi-ya,” Heidt crashed her fist against the inch-thick piece of pine.

One thing was for sure at impact: something was going to break. Faster than an eye blink, the board snapped in two.

“Awesome first break,” said Stefan McRae, Heidt’s martial arts teacher, giving her a high-five. A relieved Heidt rubbed her knuckles in disbelief. McRae turned to the 30 or so wide-eyed students that had circled around to witness the small feat. “Warm up time: jumping jacks,” he said, and by warm up, he meant 200 of them.

Be it breaking boards in a Tae Kwon Do class or mastering the Irish side-step, Stuttgart-area kids are making small discoveries everyday with SKIES Unlimited.

Since its debut in June 2004, the Child and Youth Services’ program, with its array of instructional classes, has steadily doubled every year. Last year alone, the number of enrolled youth that dabbled in everything from piano to ballet reached more than 850, and, as Jemmie Collins, CYS youth education support specialist, said, that figure is “soaring once again.”

In short, SKIES stands for “Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills.” It gives youth an outlet to explore their talents outside of school.

Scott Staley, a professional musician, has been teaching guitar with the SKIES program for the last three years. With 59 students, numerous 30-minute lessons throughout the week and band gigs on weekends, Staley rarely has a free moment. On one particular night, during a lesson, Brandon McCarty strums the opening bars to the “Pink Panther Theme” song as Staley watches on.

A sixth-grader from Böblingen Elementary/Middle School, McCarty’s guitar playing began just two months ago. Since that time, he has learned the basics of reading sheet music, committed five songs to memory and has high hopes of a career in the rock world.

“I want to start my own band,” said McCarty. “My friend is picking up drums. All we would need is a bass player.”

With classes taught on all four Stuttgart military bases, SKIES makes it easy for parents who might not want to shop around on the German market for instruction. “When you’re stationed overseas, you still want your children to do these extra-curricular activities, and SKIES is comparable to the States,” said Carol Zlatich, whose daughter, Annabel, a kindergarten student at BEMS, has previously done ballet and is now enrolled in martial arts.

This month SKIES introduced two new classes to its lineup: acting and modeling, raising the total number of classes to 68. Not only does the program focus on the arts but has offered in the past courses devoted to life skills such as German language immersion and journalism. With 16 instructors and so many classes going on each week at numerous locations, running SKIES can be a logistical juggling act.

“The biggest obstacle is finding places to conduct all these classes going on,” said Collins. “It would be so nice to have everything under one roof.”

With or without a central hub of operations, the SKIES program doesn’t appear to be slowing down in Stuttgart anytime soon,



Cody Lawton, a fifth-grader from Patch Elementary School, bangs out a beat on the drums during one of his 30-minute weekly lessons he takes part in at the Hub, the Patch Barracks Teen Center. With its array of instructional classes, SKIES offers a little something for everyone.

“The biggest obstacle is finding places to conduct all these classes going on.”

Jemmie Collins

USAG-Stuttgart CYS

Youth Education Support Specialist

as the number of enrolled youth steadily climbs every year.

“Stuttgart has one of the largest SKIES programs in Europe,” said Jeff Carpenter, SKIES instructional program specialist. “We’ve become a program that parents can trust and rely on.”

For more information on the SKIES program call 430-7458/civ. 0711-680-7458. To sign up for a class stop by the CYS Central Registration Office in building 2347 on Patch Barracks.

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

The Stuttgart SKIES program seeks qualified individuals to teach a variety of classes including martial arts; music (violin and piano); art; math and science; and tutoring.

Locations vary between Patch, Panzer, Kelley and Robinson Barracks. Positions are percentage-based contracts. For details or to apply call 430-7458/civ. 0711-680-7458.



[Above] With a concentrated grace, Emily Rosewitz, a sixth-grader at Robinson Barracks Elementary/Middle School, practices a ballet routine during one of her weekly lessons held in the Kelley Activity Center.



[Left] In her meanest fighting stance, a student of Stefan McRae’s Tae Kwon Do martial arts class, held Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Patch Fitness Center gymnasium, raises her foot up for a front kick.

PHS celebrates Homecoming 2006



PHS Homecoming Queen Nicole Haddock and King Cody Dickey walk beneath the crosses as they are announced to the crowd during halftime of Patch's 15-14 football victory over Kaiserslautern.



For more information about Patch High School

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Hugh C. McBride



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By Hugh C. McBride

Patch High School seniors Nicole Haddock and Cody Dickey – PHS's Homecoming 2006 queen and king, respectively – presided over a weekend filled with sports, spirit and social activities Oct. 7 and 8 on Patch Barracks.

The sporting aspect of the weekend actually got started Oct. 6, when Drew Athey led the PHS boys golf team to a Thursday victory over Kaiserslautern, Heidelberg and Vilseck on the Stuttgart Golf Course in Kornwestheim. Athey placed second individually, as did Lara Habel, who paced the PHS girls' team to a third-place finish in the quadrangular meet.

The day after a raucous Friday pep rally to end Spirit Week, Patch's volleyball, cross country, tennis and football teams were all in action on Patch Barracks.

In the PHS gymnasium, the volleyball squad dropped only one set en route to two victories over Hanau (25-19, 16-25, 25-19, 25-18) and Black Forest Academy (25-21, 25-19, 28-26).

While the PHS volleyballers were spiking their way to victory, tennis teams from Patch and Hanau were taking to courts throughout Stuttgart (matches are contested on Patch Barracks and Panzer Kaserne, as well as on local off-post indoor courts). The PHS boys and girls both recorded 9-0 victories.

In the woods adjacent to Patch Barracks, Maggie Redmond and Nicholas Rogers each earned individual cross country victories in triangular meets against Ramstein and Black Forest Academy. Redmond and Rogers led the PHS boys' and girls' teams to second-place finishes behind Ramstein.

The sports Saturday ended on Husky Field, where Haddock, Dickey and the rest of the 2006 Homecoming Court members were introduced at halftime of Patch's nail-biting 15-14 win over Kaiserslautern.

After jumping out to an early 14-0 lead, the Panthers turned back a furious Kaiserslautern charge to preserve the victory, which not only ran the team's record to 4-0, put also assured PHS a spot in the Division I playoffs. PHS quarterback Sean Thomas threw for 106 yards and both Patch touchdowns, and standout running back Daniel Kennedy came up big on the defensive side of the ball as well, intercepting a K-town pass in the end zone late in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

Homecoming 2006 came to its official close a few hours later, as students danced the night away at the Homecoming Dance in the Swabian Special Events Center on Patch.

[Top] Patch's Sean Crowley returns a serve during his and partner Maurice Rich's 6-0, 6-0 doubles win over their Hanau opponents Oct. 8 on Patch Barracks.

[Middle] The Patch defense thwarts a Kaiserslautern drive. Defense proved crucial for PHS, with a late end zone interception preserving the Panthers' 15-14 victory.

[Bottom] Cross country standout Maggie Redmond is all alone as she heads toward a 21:12 finish and a runaway victory.

[Main photo] The Patch Panther goes airborne during a dance performance with the PHS cheerleaders.



Hugh C. McBride

HALLOWEEN 2006

* * * ON-POST EVENTS & SAFETY REMINDERS * * *

OCTOBER 27 (FRIDAY)



Costume Party in the Kelley Community Club
Kelley Barracks, 8 p.m. to midnight

- Dance the night away to your favorite tunes
- \$10 per person includes entertainment and appetizers.
- For more information e-mail terry.mitchell@us.army.mil

Halloween Party at Sliders
Sliders All Ranks Lounge, 8 p.m.

- Prizes for best & most original costumes.
- Customer Appreciation from 5 to 7 p.m.; DJ starts at 8 p.m.
- For more information call 430-5758/civ. 0711-680-5758.

YS Carnival at the Pete Burke Center
Garmisch Artillery Kaserne, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

- Raffle for great prizes. Free hay rides, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Middle School/Teen Center food booth, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Halloween Harvest Fest on Kelley Barracks
Kelley Barracks, Oct. 27 to 30

- This family-friendly event will feature traditional German fest rides, refreshment stands & souvenirs as well as a haunted house, face painting, Halloween candy, entertainment and more.
- Fest hours are Oct. 27 (5 p.m. to midnight); Oct. 28 (3 p.m. to midnight); Oct. 29 (2 to 10 p.m.); Oct. 30 (2 to 10 p.m.)
- Entrance is free but tickets must be purchased for rides and refreshments (all children ride half-price Oct. 30, 2 to 5 p.m.)
- For more information call 421-2548/civ. 0711-729-2548 or see the advertisement on page 16.

OCTOBER 28 (SATURDAY)

Halloween Party on RB
Robinson Barracks Community Club
7 p.m. to Close

- Rock the night away with live music by “One Brick Shy”
- Enjoy scrumptious snacks on our free finger-food buffet
- Costume contest: Best Male & Female
- Also, stop by the RB Club Sunday, Oct. 29, for free face painting and candy for children.
- For info call 420-6129/civ. 0711-830-6129.

Great Pumpkin Race
Patch Barracks, Husky Field, 10 a.m.

- Race your way into autumn with this 10K trek along the beautiful trails in the woods behind Patch Barracks.
- The event starts and ends on Husky Field, with an awards ceremony, raffle and barbecue in the Patch Fitness Center immediately after the race.
- Registration fee is \$5 for individuals or \$10 for families until Oct. 27. Race day registration (8:30 to 9:30 a.m.) is \$10 for individuals, \$20 for families.
- For details call 430-5386/civ. 0711-680-5386.

OCTOBER 31 (TUESDAY)

Galaxy Bowling & Entertainment Center
Costume Party
5 to 10 p.m.

- Join your friends at the Galaxy Bowling and Entertainment Center on Panzer Kaserne for a costume party
- Wear a costume and bowl for only 50 cents per game!

TRICK OR TREAT
Stuttgart & Garmisch housing areas
5 to 8 p.m.

- Parents: Be sure to accompany your young children, and verify that your older children are traveling as part of a group. No one should be trick-or-treating alone.



TRICK-OR-TREAT SAFETY TIPS

- All community members should carry identification with them at all times.
- Trick-or-treaters and their chaperones should ensure that they are visible in the dwindling daylight (via reflective tape, brightly colored clothing or flashlights).
- Observe everyday pedestrian safety measures: Stay on the sidewalks, and only cross the street at marked intersections (never from between parked cars).
- **Remember: Toy weapons and military uniforms as costumes are not permitted during on-post trick-or-treating.**

For more safety information call the
U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Safety Office
at 421-2752/civ. 0711-729-2752.



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Garmisch celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Story & photo by Sue Ferrare

The smell of home-cooked Hispanic food and the sounds of Latin dance music filled the Pete Burke Community Center Sept. 28 while the Garmisch community celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month. The theme for this year's celebration was "Hispanic Americans: Our Rich Culture Contributing to America's Future."

"Heritage Month is an opportunity for the intricacies and beauty of the Latino [and] Hispanic culture to be highlighted," said Ricardo M. Cantu, speaker for the event and an employee at the Marshall Center. "Through festivals, musical events, film screenings and much more, the Latino community can both enjoy their own culture and share it with the mainstream community."

Cantu went on to speak about some of the contributions Hispanics have already made to American culture and what that could mean for the future. He listed just a few of the many Hispanics who have made a difference in American culture – from government and science to entertainment and sports.

"This month is an opportunity to see beyond Mexican restaurants or Latino music and become aware of the elected officials, educators, artists, authors, filmmakers, Nobel Prize winners, world sports heroes and community organizers who contribute so much richness to our culture," he said.

He also explained why he thinks Hispanics have contributed so much.

"Hispanics contribute to the future of America by providing a strong work ethic that is driven by their commitment to the family," Cantu explained. "They strengthen our

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Ricardo M. Cantu
Marshall Center

economy by providing a much-needed infusion of new ideas, entrepreneurship and innovative talent. With the blending of races, cultures and colors, Hispanics' willingness to mix lifestyles and values have led to solutions for many prejudices and stereotypes that keep cultures divided."

Jennifer Richards, who works at the Marshall Center Conference Center, said that what she heard reinforced what she knew about Hispanic Americans.

"(The Hispanics) have contributed a lot to American society and they are successful people just like everybody else," she said. "It's important for people to get educated on other cultures and to recognize the cultures and the people in our community that come from different backgrounds. I'm very proud of the Garmisch community for supporting



Ricardo M. Cantu of the George C. Marshall Center, keynotes Garmisch's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration event Sept. 28 in the Pete Burke Community Center.

these types of events even though we're a really small community."

Supporting the community is one of the reasons Martin Brewer, Transportation Specialist for Garmisch American School, comes to these functions.

"I think it's important to support these types of events in our community and to give a spotlight to the cultures that make America unique," he said.

Cantu summed it up by saying that the purpose of the observance is understand-

ing people.

"We are all different and the only way we can work it out and understand our differences is through education and communication and clearly understanding that each culture bring richness to our American way of life," he said. "That is why it is so important to understand the purpose of today's observance. You are here to learn about other people in order to understand them, communicate better with them and hear and visualize the achievements of this culture."

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NATO School instructs Iraqi security forces

Story by Sgt. Maj. Sjon Selles
NATO School Public Affairs Office

Forty seven students from Iraq's security forces were at the NATO School Sept. 18 to 29 as part of NATO's Training Mission in Iraq.

These students participated in the Operational Education Course and discussed a wide range of operational issues.

NATO-sponsored out-of-country training started in Nov. 2004 when 19 Iraqis underwent key leader training at the Joint Warfare Centre in Stavanger, Norway, and another three joined regular classes at the NATO School where, to date, 298 more Iraqi students have been trained.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with Iraqi security personnel. Given our vast experience working with many different nations, we are well prepared to integrate these Iraqi officers into our courses," said Col. James J. Tabak, the School commandant.

The Iraqis received instruction on working in national and joint operations centres, and on working in a NATO-led multinational headquarters conducting peace support operations.

The language of instruction was English and translation support was available as needed.

"We would like to extend our deepest

thanks and gratitude for the training provided by the NATO School," the senior Iraqi in the delegation said shortly before the group departed.

He works for the Iraqi Ministry of Interior. "The training we received proved the truthfulness of NATO's treaty strategies towards nations participating in Peace Support Operations and in the fight against terrorism, to approach a free Iraq," he added.

Another Iraqi senior official, who works at the Iraqi Ministry of Defence, said "We would like to express our special thanks to the NATO School for training the Iraqi Security Forces ... in order to help Iraq regain its place amongst other nations living in peace."

The Iraqi students were incorporated into all aspects of student life at the school, and were offered cultural tours to local parts of Germany.

"The instruction we are providing is extremely relevant to the challenges and opportunities these Iraqis face in rebuilding their nation's security forces," Tabak added. "What they learn here at the NATO School will help them prepare the way for a stable and peaceful future in their country."

For more about the NATO School visit www.natoschool.nato.int.

Former Nazi youth leader shares message of hope, freedom at Garmisch PWOC gathering

Story & photo by Sue Ferrare

As a Nazi youth leader, Marie Anne Hirschman had been taught that Americans were at best gum-chewing gangsters, and at their worst, an enemy who would do terrible things to you.

Hirschman spoke to the Garmisch Protestant Women of the Chapel at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort on October 3 about how her journey from Nazi youth leader to the founder of Hansi Ministries, Inc., which is dedicated to reminding Americans about their heritage of freedom and helping those who don't have that kind of freedom.

Hirschman began by speaking about how she was raised in Czechoslovakia.

"We were the German minority in Czechoslovakia," she said. "My mama died and my papa didn't want girls and there was a little peasant woman who took me in against the wishes of her husband and against the wishes of her four children."

Hirschman grew up in a very poor village and had very little. When she was 12 the Nazis took over the country and brought food and work with them, and she said that this made most of the German minority happy. When they offered to send her to school she was thrilled.

"(At that time) you had to pay for high school and I was the poorest kid in the village," Hirschman said. "There was not a chance in the world—even a ghost of a chance—that I would get educated, and suddenly Hitler wanted to pay for my education. They said they would train me as a Nazi Youth Leader. After I passed all the tests I was taken to Prague and I thought I had the rainbow at both ends, I couldn't believe that I could be so lucky."

Unfortunately, she not only received a normal school education, she was also educated in Nazi philosophy.

"The Nazis did something to me that the Americans call brainwashing, and brainwashing is a very subtle and deceptive process," she said. "Most people don't know when they are brainwashed. And brainwashing is simply when one person gives you one side of the story and most of the time it sounds awfully good. Really, it sounds too good to be true, and it is not necessarily true, but it sounds so good you believe it. The moment you believe that one side of the story, you are brainwashed."

Her faith in Hitler and the Nazis was shattered at the end of WWII, but life in a Russian labor camp quickly taught her that what she had been told about her Russians enemies had been true. Determined to escape or die trying, she finally got out and fled to Czechoslovakia, only to find out that she still might be captured and sent back, so she went on to East Germany.

She explained that after the war, in 1945, things were not very good in Germany either and many people were dying. But she said there was a rumor that things were not as bad in West Germany, in the American military zone.

"When I heard it the first time I said, 'What?' because I was a Nazi and they had taught me to hate the Americans as much as anybody else," she said. "I said, 'Why should I go to the Americans?' And they said, 'Well, the American soldiers are not quite as cruel as the Russians.' And I said, 'Oh, yeah? I

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Marie Anne Hirschman
Founder, Hansi Ministries, Inc.

heard different."

Despite her belief that the American soldiers did terrible things to their enemies, she found herself in a group trying to escape to the west across 'no man's land.' She made a promise to stay out of the way of any Americans.

Hirschman was one of the few who made it through a Russian death trap and over no man's land. At the first place she stopped for help, however, she encountered an American soldier.

"Let me just say this much—that morning changed my life," Hirschman said. "The American enemy soldiers gave me the first food, the first hot drink, the first cot and bed (in a long time). They let us go afterwards unmolested; nobody touched us. That morning I decided that I would go to America some day. Some day I would find out what makes Americans different. And some day, if I could, I would do something nice for American soldiers."

"Up to that point I was a Nazi," she continued. "You don't change your mind overnight. And I walked away and I thought, 'the Nazis lied to me.' They said the Americans were gangsters and now they were good to me. I couldn't explain to anybody why an enemy would treat me friendly, I wouldn't have treated them friendly. I walked away and I thought, 'whatever they have, I want (it) and I'm going to find out what's true.'"

Hirschman said she finally made it to America in 1955 but experienced culture shock when she realized she didn't know what to do with the freedom she was given.

She told a story about how surprised she was when she found out that she could just pack her car and move to another state without letting the police know.

"My American neighbors' daily lifestyle boggled my mind, but the first thing I noticed was that most people were very kind to me," she said. "They laughed a lot and tried to help whenever possible. They also acted so unafraid and free—and freedom was completely new to me. Freedom puzzled me until I learned its meaning and how to live as a free human being. I fell in love with freedom and America."

In 1974 Hirschman published a book about her life and experiences and it went on the best seller list.



Marie Anne Hirschman, founder of Hansi Ministries, Inc., recounts her extraordinary journey from Nazi youth leader to American citizen as a member of the Garmisch Protestant Women of the Chapel watches on Oct. 3. The event took place in the Edelweis Lodge.

Since then she has founded Hansi Ministries, Inc. and has been traveling around America and the world, including American military posts, speaking to audiences about her experiences and how freedom and God changed her life.

She said that her messages are geared toward reminding, re-educating and directing the attitudes of the American people toward their American heritage. She shares the philosophy and meaning of freedom as a nation under God.

"Listening to Hansi reminded us not to take our freedoms for granted, for something dreary as war and political conflict can take away our freedoms," said PWOC member Marie Crownover. "I talk with my children about how lucky we are to be Americans and have the freedoms we do. They understand living in foreign countries that there are different interpretations of freedom -- and they often experience subtle reminders of this. I liked her stance on 'In God We Trust' -- about how we should never forget that and smile at others because we are free."

"Today I consider freedom God's greatest

gift to the human race, and America the greatest nation on planet earth," Hirschman said.

"Freedom gives choices while dictatorship makes human robots. I am proud to be an American, not by birth, but by my free choice. I love God, America and freedom I would rather die than ever be unfree again. I pray that we as the American people will never take freedom for granted or we might lose it. If freedom is lost, there will be no more refuge left for those who try to find a better way of life as I did when I came to America."

Hansi stands for Help America to a New Spirit and Insight. The ministry is a non-profit corporation and money received through the books and tapes above the expenses is given to organizations which are involved in support of orphans or the distribution of Bibles in third world countries.

All gifts are tax-deductible and receipts are provided.

For more information on the Hansi ministry visit www.hansiministries.org/index.htm. For more about USAG Garmisch visit to www.garmisch.army.mil.

Drivers to be required to use Edelweiss gate when entering Sheridan Kaserne

By Sue Ferrare

Effective Nov. 1 individuals who drive onto Sheridan Kaserne will need to use the access control point near the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort.

Russell Stokes, U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch's Director of Public Works, said the new access road will be two way—allowing people to access and exit Sheridan Kaserne through

the Edelweiss entrance.

Stokes said there would also be an exit-only road off the kaserne that will lead to Kreuzteckbahnstrasse.

This road will be open only during working hours to facilitate the flow of Marshall Center staff and students on and off the installation.

Plans for an Installation Access Card compatible pedestrian gate to be installed at the Kreuzteckbahnstrasse gate are also being developed, Stokes said.

Living off post brings rewards, challenges

Understand the law before signing a rental agreement

By Cpt. Michael Watts & Werner Sukup
Stuttgart Law Center

Living in Germany is an amazing opportunity to get to know and appreciate another culture and lifestyle. And there is no better way for a service member to appreciate the culture than living off post.

However, before moving off post, all service members should be aware that German law regarding renting apartments is very different from the American laws that most service members are used to. This is important because German law controls the agreements service members and landlords enter into.

What follows is a short discussion of the German law affecting service member renters, what the standard rental agreement says and how it can affect the service member.

Basics of German law

German landlord-tenant law is governed by the principle of "freedom of contract." That means the parties are free to define their relationship by whatever they agree upon – as long as they do it in accordance with the written laws. Generally the landlord presents a preprinted standard rental agreement to the tenant. For Americans who are moving off post, the situation is different. Normally, it is the service member who presents the landlord with the preprinted Rental Agreement that the Housing Office prepares.

This contract is a preprinted form that has standard provisions required under German law, as well as additional provisions to protect the unique interests of service members. It also has blanks that allow the individual service member and landlord to negotiate about certain items. We will mainly discuss the rental agreement that the Housing Offices uses, as that is the one that service members should be using.

Under German law, most leases are indefinite. In other words the contract runs until one party terminates it. According to German law, a party must give the other party three months notice before the contract may be terminated. However, because of the unique nature of military service, the Housing Office's standard rental contract contains a special termination clause that allows the service



courtesy of photos.com

Before you start moving in boxes, make sure you read every line of the rental agreement.

member to terminate the agreement with only one month's notice for military reasons, such as PCSing or deployments. This is often called the "Military Clause." No service member should sign a rental agreement without the "Military Clause" in the contract.

If a service member does sign a rental agreement without the "Military Clause," that service member is bound by the three month rule. Read the rental agreement carefully, and only sign it if it has the one month "Military Claus" (called the Special Termination Clause on the standard rental agreement).

The rental agreement the housing office provides has space for the parties to describe the property. A rental contract requires that both parties understand and agree to what is being rented in the agreement. The parties should decide what is being rented, carefully describe the rented premises in the contract (Section 1 of the Rental Agreement that the local Housing Office provides) and then re-read the agreement for accuracy. Remember that in Germany, oral agreements are valid and enforceable, but a written agreement is always preferable, because oral stipulations may be forgotten, denied or remembered differently by the other party.

Rental agreements

The description of the rented property contained in the Rental Agreement lists sev-

eral items as coming with the rental property, but the agreement is silent as to other details. For example, the rental agreement mentions how many keys the tenant receives and says that duplication is allowed only with the landlord's consent. Under German law, however, if the service member loses any of those keys, you can be held liable to replace all the locks that those keys went to – a costly mistake. When renting, clarify any potential am-

as the tenant leaves it clean. German law does not recognize ordinary wear and tear, instead the tenant must leave the property in the condition he found it and in a "broom clean condition." For this reason, the Housing Office agreement has specific provisions about how the tenant found the property, as well as how he will leave it. Also, a service member may qualify for the renovation allowance, or MIHA. This allowance is for the landlord and allows the tenant to leave the property with ordinary wear and tear. The service member should select what condition the apartment is in when moving in, and what condition it will be in when he or she moves out.

When a service member moves in to a new rental property, the service member and the landlord should inspect the unit together and note defects or damages. This way, the tenant will not be held liable for these damages upon moving out. This should be done as quickly as possible, but definitely within a month.

Housing Office can help

Living on the German economy can be extremely rewarding and will allow the service member to fully appreciate all that Germany has to offer. But because German law is so different from what most service members are used to, use caution when signing a rental agreement. All service members should read the rental agreement carefully. They should

All servicemembers should read the rental agreement carefully. They should ensure that all parties understand what is expected of them under the agreement and under the law.

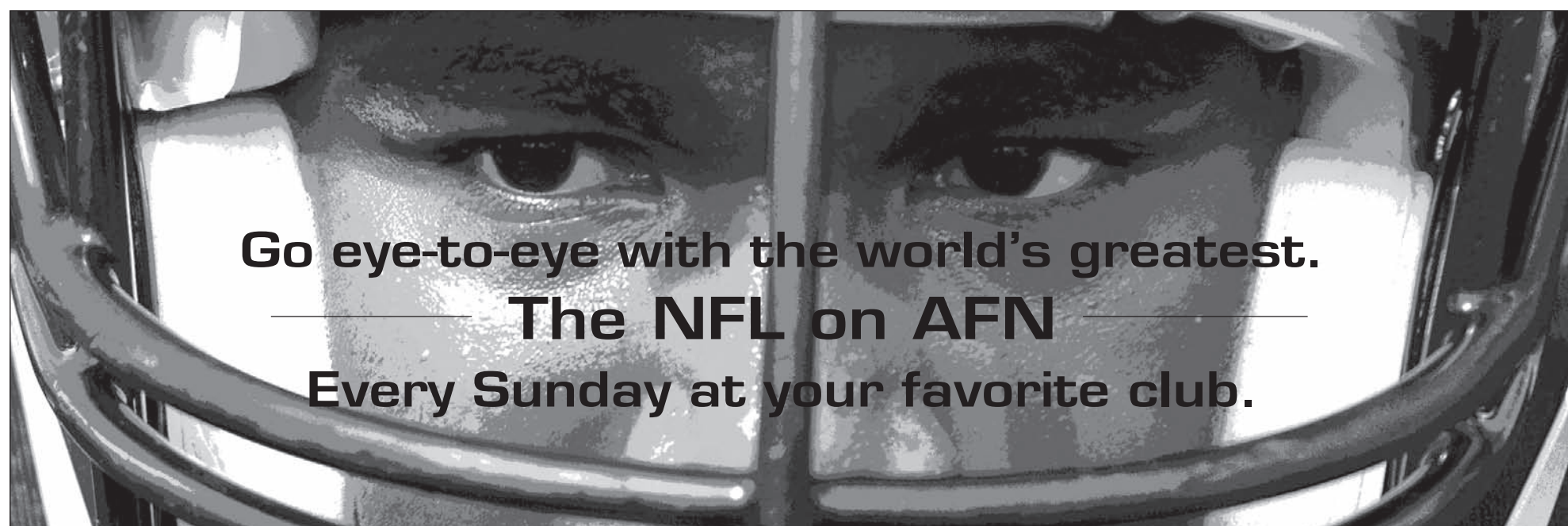
biguities and understand the consequences of every provision of the agreement. If the agreement mentions something the service member must do, make sure the service member understands what happens if that condition is not satisfied.

Another aspect of German law that differs significantly from American law is what happens when the tenant moves out. In most American jurisdictions, a tenant can leave the rented property with ordinary wear and tear, so long

ensure that all parties understand what is expected of them under the agreement and under the law.

The Housing Office here will review the agreement and advise the service member, but it is ultimately the service member's signature on the contract.

For more information, contact the Stuttgart Law Center at 421-4152/civ. 0711-729-4152.



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Members of the U.S. Air Force Check Six Jazz Ensemble Cody Brown (saxophone), Paul Wells (guitar) and Pat Brush (flugelhorn) play Swing-era melodies Oct. 4 during the 60th anniversary ceremony of James Byrnes' "Speech of Hope."

Byrnes' Speech of Hope celebrated 60 years later

Story & photos by Brandon Beach

Hope can arrive in many forms. For Germany, in 1946, it came in the words of a speech.

Devastated by the events of World War II, Germany was left with little to no horizon. Major cities smoldered in ruins from rounds of Allied bombing. Across the country, people were displaced, out of work, despondent.

It was under these conditions that James Byrnes, former U.S. Secretary of State, arrived in Stuttgart by train, some 18 months after the surrender of the Nazi Third Reich, to deliver a plan to the German people.

Referred to as the "Speech of Hope," Byrnes set in motion the transfer of a democratic Germany to the German people and set the tone of German and American relations that still exists today.

"A great speech always goes along with a turning point in the world landscape," said Dr. Angela Merkel, federal chancellor of Germany. "It brought hope after a complete breakdown and showed the way for Germans."

That turning point in Germany history took place 60 years ago, and to commemorate Byrnes' famous speech, the State of Baden-Württemberg held a recognition ceremony Oct. 4 in the Stuttgart State Opera, with Henry Kissinger, former U.S. Secretary of State, keynoting the event.

The evening began with music from the Check Six Jazz Ensemble, a U.S. Air Force troupe, who opened their set with Glenn Miller's "In the Mood" and several other Swing-era tunes, followed by speeches from several German dignitaries, including Merkel, who spoke via satellite from Berlin.

The theme, punctuated by both

Günther Oettinger, Baden-Württemberg's minister president, and Dr. Wolfgang Schuster, mayor of Stuttgart, was that of the deep-rooted ties of German and American friendship, even if those ties have soured in recent years.

"The U.S. stretched out a helping hand to a people in ruin," said Oettinger. "It cannot be praised more highly how the U.S. treated Germany after the war."

In his speech, Kissinger, a former professor, diplomat and statesman, kept the bulk of his remarks on a pragmatic level, discussing such hot-button topics as Iran, North Korea and the Hezbollah in Lebanon.

"May Germany and America master the challenges in our day just as effectively as the 'Speech of Hope' did sixty years ago," said Kissinger.

With his trademark gravel voice, Kissinger spoke for the most part in German, but praised, at the outset of his speech, the members of the U.S. military community who he said serve "with dedication and the spirit of sacrifice."

Among the invitees to the event were U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Commander Col. Kenneth G. Juergens, his wife, Gaby, Howard Johnston, deputy to the USAG-Stuttgart Commander, Maj. Gen. William D. Catto, Lt. Gen. Gary D. Speer, along with his wife, Cathy, various other senior EUCOM leaders, and students from both Patch High School and the International School of Stuttgart.

"I think it's so important that students get involved in politics and are offered the chance to listen to the great minds that have lived through history," said Mary Roeper, a PHS teacher.

The Check Six Jazz Ensemble concluded the event by playing both the American and German anthems.

Upstairs on the second floor wing, under magnificent chandeliers, a recep-



Joyce Kennedy, USAG-Stuttgart School Liaison Officer, poses for a picture with Henry Kissinger Oct. 4 in the Stuttgart State Opera House.

tion was held for the many dignitaries, German politicians, U.S. military personnel and students in attendance.

Standing outside one of the side stage doors were several PHS students waiting to steal an autograph or a handshake from Kissinger, who at 83, continues to garner tremendous star power.

"It's such an honor to be here," said Kristin Muslin, a PHS senior. "I came here to be a part of history."

OUT & ABOUT

UFO to rock Longhorn

Legendary British rock band UFO play 70's classic such as "Doctor Doctor" and "Only You Can Rock Me," plus music from their new 2006 release "Monkey Puzzle" **Nov. 1, 8 p.m.**, in Stuttgart's LKA Longhorn. Tickets cost 25 euro. For more information visit www.musiccircus.de or call 0711-22-1105.

Voted one of the best rock clubs in Germany by "Vision" magazine, Longhorn is located at Heiligenwiesen 6 in the Wangen district.

Ensemble to perform Macbeth

Stück für Stück, a Stuttgart-based theater ensemble, will stage Williams Shakespeare's "Macbeth" **Oct. 21, 22, 27 and 28, 8 p.m.**, in the Bürgerhaus Botnang, located on Griegstrasse 18.

Antonio Brunetti of the USAG-Stuttgart Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Department, will perform the role of Banquo in the production. The play is mostly performed in German.

Tickets cost 10 euro for adults and 5 euro for children. To make a reservation call 0711-690128. For details visit www.stueckfuerstueck.de.

Fussball in Stuttgart

Catch live Bundesliga action when VfB Stuttgart takes to the field against Hamburg SV **Nov. 7, 8:30 p.m.**, in Bad Cannstatt's Gottlieb-Daimler Stadium (S-Bahn Neckarstadion).

For tickets visit www.vfb-stuttgart.de or stop by the stadium's ticket box on game day.

The Stuttgarter Kickers, a professional *fussball* team in the *Regionaliga Süd*, bang the ball against SV Wehen **Oct. 27, 7 p.m.**, in Gazi Stadium. To get to the stadium, take city train U7 to the Waldau stop or drive in direction to the television tower, a visible Stuttgart landmark.

For more information visit www.stuttgart-kickers.de.

Mamma Mia!, the musical

SI Centrum's Palladium Theatre presents the musical smash comedy, Mamma Mia!, featuring 22 of ABBA's greatest hits (sung in German).

Tickets range from 40 to 139 euro depending on seating and may be purchased by calling 01805-4444.

The theatre is located on Pleningerstraße 100, which is a short 5-minute walk from the Kelley Barracks main gate. To get there, take city train U3 to the Salzacker/SI-Erlebnis-Centrum stop. City buses 74 and 75 will deliver you to the Landhaus stop. For more information on dates and times, visit www.si-centrum.de.

Photo exhibit at IFA

Germany's leading institute on foreign cultural relations is headquartered right here in Stuttgart.

This month, the *Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen*, or IFA, hosts the photo exhibit, "*Kairo, Bauen und Planen für übermorgen*," a visual journey through Cairo, Egypt's capital city.

The gallery is located on Charlottenplatz 17. To get there, take city train U5 or 6 to the Charlottenplatz stop.

Opening hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, noon to 6 p.m. and weekends 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additional evening hours are Thursdays until 8 p.m. For more information visit www.ifa.de. The exhibit is open until **Oct. 29**. Entrance is free.

Chili Peppers at Schleyerhalle

The Red Hot Chili Peppers play music from their new album "Stadium Arcadium" **Nov. 27, 8 p.m.**, in Stuttgart's Schleyerhalle.

For more information visit www.schleyerhalle.de. The hall is located at Mercedesstraße 69 (U-Bahn 11 to Gottlieb-Daimler Stadion). Tickets cost 45 euro.

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James Byrnes, excerpt from the Speech of Hope

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